

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on March 22, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Willis Curdy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lexi Goble, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 314, 3/17/2017; HB 597, 3/17/2017
Executive Action: HB 489, HB 584, HB 587, HB 593

HEARING ON SB 314

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:28 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 314, Revise off-highway vehicle/recreational vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:35 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

00:04:53 Jim Brown, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:06 Rep. Galt
00:06:30 Sen. Vincent
00:06:48 Rep. Noland
00:07:03 Sen. Vincent
00:10:25 Rep. Noland
00:10:35 Rep. Manzella
00:11:59 Sen. Vincent
00:12:22 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:12:43 Sen. Vincent
00:13:32 Rep. Court
00:18:22 Sen. Vincent
00:18:51 Rep. Flynn
00:19:48 Sen. Vincent
00:20:30 Rep. Gunderson
00:21:45 Sen. Vincent
00:22:16 Chair White
00:22:34 Sen. Vincent
00:22:49 Rep. Fleming
00:23:13 Sen. Vincent
00:23:46 Chair White
00:24:16 Sen. Vincent
00:24:21 Rep. Fleming
00:24:40 Sen. Vincent
00:25:00 Rep. Windy Boy
00:25:28 Joe Kolman, LSD
00:25:55 Rep. Gunderson
00:26:22 Sen. Vincent
00:26:35 Joe Kolman, LSD
00:27:07 Rep. Manzella
00:27:48 Sen. Vincent
00:28:16 Chair White

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:24 Sen. Vincent

HEARING ON HB 597**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:29:25 Rep. Alan Doane (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 597, Create voluntary contribution account to acquire public access easements.

EXHIBIT(nah59a01)**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:34:27 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
00:35:58 Ryan Weiss, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:37:41 Rep. Curdy joined the meeting
00:37:59 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
00:39:45 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)
00:41:26 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:44:03 Kori Anderson, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
00:44:58 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
00:45:42 Glenn Marx, Montana Association of Land Trusts (MALT)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:47:28 Hank Warsech, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:52 Rep. Flynn
00:48:32 Hank Warsech, FWP
00:48:33 Rep. Flynn
00:50:55 Ryan Weiss, DNRC
00:51:51 Rep. Galt
00:53:02 Rep. Doane
00:53:29 Chair White
00:54:13 Jean Johnson, MOGA
00:55:11 Chair White
00:56:45 Rep. Doane
00:56:56 Rep. Z. Brown
00:58:55 Jean Johnson, MOGA
00:59:35 Rep. Court
01:01:28 Nick Gevock, MWF
01:01:42 Rep. Flynn
01:03:36 Ryan Weiss, DNRC
01:04:14 Chair White
01:06:27 Ryan Weiss, DNRC
01:06:51 Chair White
01:08:56 John Tubbs, DNRC
01:09:23 Chair White
01:09:52 Hank Warsech, FWP
01:10:33 Chair White

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:00 Rep. Doane

Committee Business:

01:16:19 Chair White
 01:17:29 Joe Kolman
 01:17:45 Chair White
 01:18:52 Rep. Z. Brown
 01:19:09 Chair White

01:19:37 Recess
 01:39:42 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 489

01:40:45 Chair White
 01:40:50 Joe Kolman, LSD
 01:41:36 Chair

01:41:39 **Motion:** Rep. Noland moved that **HB 489 DO PASS.**

01:41:48 **Motion:** Rep. Noland moved that **HB 489 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(nah59a02\)](#)

Discussion:

01:42:09 Rep. Noland
 01:42:43 Chair White

01:42:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:43:22 **Motion:** Rep. Noland moved that **HB 489 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:43:37 Rep. Flynn
 01:43:53 Rep. Z. Brown
 01:44:19 Rep. Curdy
 01:44:47 Rep. Court
 01:44:56 Rep. Noland
 01:45:14 Rep. Fleming

01:45:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Flynn and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 540

01:46:56 Joe Kolman, LSD
 01:47:42 Chair White
 01:47:45 Joe Kolman, LSD

01:48:00 **Motion:** Rep. Noland moved that **HB 540 DO PASS.**

01:48:26 **Motion:** Rep. Noland moved that **HB 540 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nah59a03)

01:49:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:49:53 **Motion:** Rep. Noland moved that **HB 540 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

01:50:13 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Flynn made a substitute motion that **HB 540 BE TABLED.**

01:51:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Noland and Rep. White voting no. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 584

01:52:03 Joe Kolman, LSD

01:52:29 Chair White

01:52:32 Joe Kolman, LSD

EXHIBIT(nah59a04)

01:52:53 **Motion:** Rep. Court moved that **HB 584 BE TABLED.**

01:53:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 587

01:53:56 Joe Kolman, LSD

01:55:00 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 587 DO PASS.**

01:55:10 Joe Kolman, LSD

01:55:55 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 587 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(nah59a05)

Discussion:

01:56:05 Joe Kolman, LSD

01:58:48 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Curdy made a substitute motion that **HB 587 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED SEGREGATING LINES 4 AND 5.** Motion was without objection.

Discussion:

01:59:03 Rep. Curdy

02:00:20 Chair White

02:00:50 Joe Kolman, LSD

02:01:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

02:02:45 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 587 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

02:03:14 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Curdy made a substitute motion that **HB 587 BE AMENDED.**

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(nah59a06)

Discussion:

02:03:42 Rep. Curdy

02:03:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

Discussion:

02:04:33 Rep. Flynn

02:05:40 Chair White

02:06:44 Rep. Z. Brown

02:07:33 Chair White

02:07:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Flynn moved that **HB 587 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 13-2 by voice vote with Rep. Curdy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 593

02:08:34 **Motion:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 593 DO PASS.**

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(nah59a07)

02:09:26 **Motion:** Rep. Galt moved that **HB 593 BE TABLED.**

02:10:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fleming and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

02:10:45 Chair White

02:12:07 Rep. Z. Brown

02:12:30 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:14:23

Lexi Goble, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah59aad.pdf](#))